

TENNIS LESSONS

INDOOR WINTER TENNIS LESSONS WILL be offered in collaboration with Northwest Athletic Club. For more information or to register, call Parks and Recreation.

Times: *Beginner* 7 - 8 p.m.
Intermediate 8 - 9 p.m.
Where: 98th St. Northwest Athletic Club, 1001 W. 98th St.

DAYTIME VOLLEYBALL

ALL GAMES ARE PLAYED AT THE Bloomington Armory, 3300 W. 98th St. Feel free to show up alone; teams are formed on the spot each week.
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning January 2.
Times: *Beginner* 9 - 11 a.m.
Intermediate 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Cost: \$1.50 each session.

BLOOMINGTON LOVES ITS KIDS FEBRUARY CELEBRATION

THIS MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF Bloomington's youth combines community and family fun with educational programs and ceremonies to honor organizations that help kids and kids who help others. Parks and Recreation, Bloomington Public Schools, Northwestern Health Sciences University and community groups call upon residents to participate. The BLIK recognition committee is looking for nominations of youth, grades 4 - 12, or groups of young people who have benefited the community by helping others, or a volunteer organization or group that has done something special for Bloomington kids. For a nomination form or information, call 952-563-8877 or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword: BLIK.

COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

When: Saturday, February 24
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: Northwestern Health Sciences University, 84th and Penn Ave.
The carnival includes exhibits, entertainment, multi-cultural event, preschool play area and much more!

YOUTH SPORTS

FOR FUN, YOUTH WINTER SPORTS opportunities, call the Bloomington Athletic Association's Information Hotline at 952-888-0807 or visit www.baaonline.org.

A NEW CITY PROGRAM YOU WILL FLIP FOR L'IL FLIPSTERS GYMNASTICS

GYMNASTICS FOR KIDS TWO-AND-A-HALF years to kindergarten is taught by an outstanding instructor from L'il Flipsters Gymnastics. The program is a great opportunity to improve strength, coordination and balance for all children. Monthly sessions are held during the day. For more information, call Parks and Recreation.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

BLOOMINGTON CELEBRATES THREE PARK OPENINGS

WHETHER YOU LIKE TO PLAY OR RELAX, PARKS ARE ONE OF THE COMMUNITY'S greatest assets. This past fall, the city celebrated three park openings.

BLOOMINGTON CENTRAL STATION

A 1.6-ACRE PARK, DESIGNED TO complement the surrounding architecture, will be located at the center of the Bloomington Central Station development. The park is a place-making feature for the development in the area, creating a space for people to gather. Proposed amenities include seating areas, garden rooms, water features, and paved and lighted walkways.

Construction of the \$3.5 million park will be funded with \$800,000 in transit-oriented development grants from Hennepin County and \$2.7 million in grants from the Metropolitan Council. The public park will be maintained and operated by the developer, McGough. The park was completed in October, although some final finish work may occur this spring.



LYNDALE GREEN PARK

LYNDALE GREEN PARK, 84th Street and Lyndale Avenue, features an arbor, seating plaza, paved walkways, natural gardens, a swinging bench and open lawn. The one-acre public park, part of the Lyndale Green redevelopment, is a cooperative effort between Bloomington-based United Properties, the Bloomington Housing and Redevelopment Authority and the City of Bloomington. United Properties contributed \$150,000 toward construction costs for the \$300,000 project. United Properties supervised the park's construction and agreed to share future maintenance costs. A park dedication ceremony was held in September.



CEDARCREST PARK

A PARK DEDICATION AND GRAND reopening was held at Cedarcrest Park, 86th Street and Bloomington Avenue, in October. Improvements included installation of a water play area, playground equipment, tennis and basketball courts, paved walkways, picnic tables, benches and landscaping. Replacement of the softball field is proposed for the future. Cost of improvements was \$298,000. The project was a cooperative effort between Cedar Valley Church and the City of Bloomington.



PICNIC SHELTERS ARE GREAT FOR GATHERINGS

PICNIC SHELTERS WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE TO RENT FOR NEXT YEAR'S picnics, receptions, reunions or meetings. Registration begins January 2 for use April through mid-October. Shelters have electricity, grills, restrooms and drinking fountains. In addition, City parks offer playground equipment, volleyball and horseshoe courts, walking trails and softball fields. Reduced rates are available for nonprofit Bloomington youth groups.



PROPOSED* RENTAL RATES

MOIR PARK

104th St. at Morgan Ave.
Shelter 1: Accommodates 200+. \$190 + tax.
Shelter 2: Accommodates 50. \$130 + tax.

WEST BUSH LAKE PARK

94th St. at West Bush Lake Rd.
Shelter 1: Accommodates 240. \$190 + tax.
Shelter 2: Accommodates 150. \$130 + tax.

EAST BUSH LAKE PARK

9140 East Bush Lake Rd.
Shelter 3: Accommodates 200. \$250 + tax.

SMITH PARK

8155 Park Ave. S.
Shelter: Accommodates 30. \$82 + tax.

*Subject to City Council approval, December 2006.